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Decision on Petition

In re Patent of :  
Karney and Friedling :  
Patent No. 5,988,097 :  
Issue Date: November 23, 1999 :  
Application No. 09/197,987 :  
Filing Date: November 23, 1998 :  
For: WATERCRAFT STABILIZED BY :  
CONTROLLED HYDROFOIL :  
ELEVATION :

This is a decision on the petition filed August 10, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.378(c) to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued November 23, 1999. The last day of the grace period for paying the 3.5 year maintenance fee was November 23, 2003. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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